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SUBJECT: JONATHAN BUILDING POLICE STRENGTH, MORALE

1. INFORMED SOURCE REPORTS PRIME MINISTER JONATHAN CONVOKED SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS EARLIER THIS WEEK TO REPORT LIBYA HAD AGREED TO PROVIDE ARMS TO LESOTHO'S "ARMY" (TERM USED BY JONATHAN), WHICH SOURCE CONSIDERS TO MEAN POLICE MOBILE UNIT. JONATHAN DID NOT DISCLOSE NATURE OF ARMS OR DATE OF EXPECTED ARRIVAL. SOURCE INFORMED THAT LESOTHO'S SHOPPING LIST INCLUDES HELICOPTERS, SPOTTER AIRCRAFT, ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, HEAVY MORTARS, HEAVY MACHINE GUNS, AND LIGHTER WEAPONS.

2. PRIME MINISTER ALSO USED OCCASION TO CONGRATULATE POLICE FOR PERFORMANCE, WHICH COMES ONLY SHORT WHILE AFTER CHIEF JUSTICE, AT CONCLUSION OF RECENT TREASON TRIAL, STRONGLY REBUKED EXCESSES BY POLICE IN AFTERMATH OF JANUARY 1974 COUP ATTEMPT.

3. COMMENT: CONSIDER JONATHAN'S DESIRE TO BUILD POLICE STRENGTH AND MORALE TO BE BASED ON HIS PERCEIVED NEED FOR PROTECTION OF HIS POSITION BY STRONGER POLICE FORCE. THERE YET NO INDICATION POLICE PUTTING THE SQUEEZE ON HIM IN EXCHANGE

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FOR THEIR LOYALTY, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT POLICE

LEADERS ARE THEMSELVES ANXIOUS TO HAVE WIDER RANGE OF
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